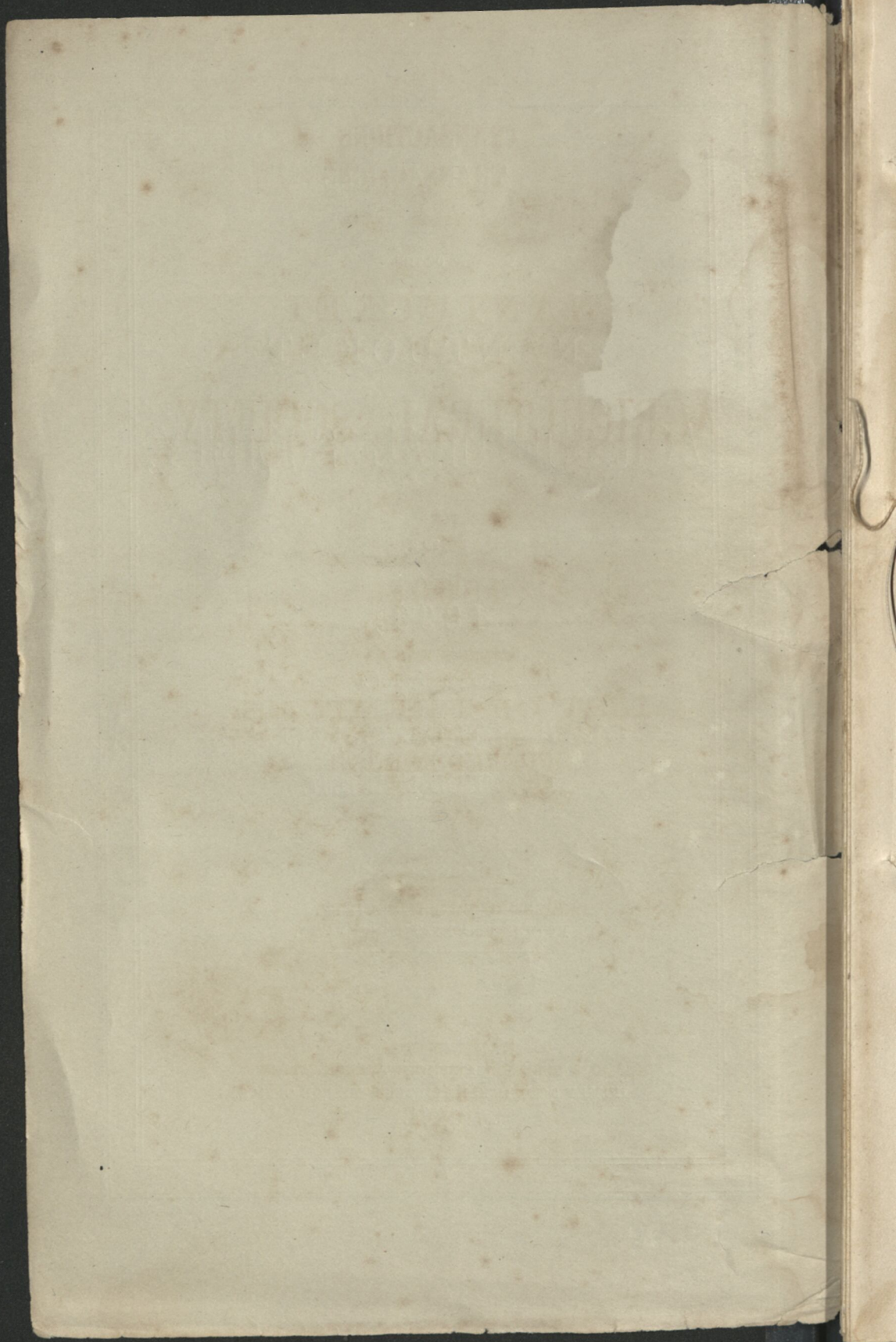


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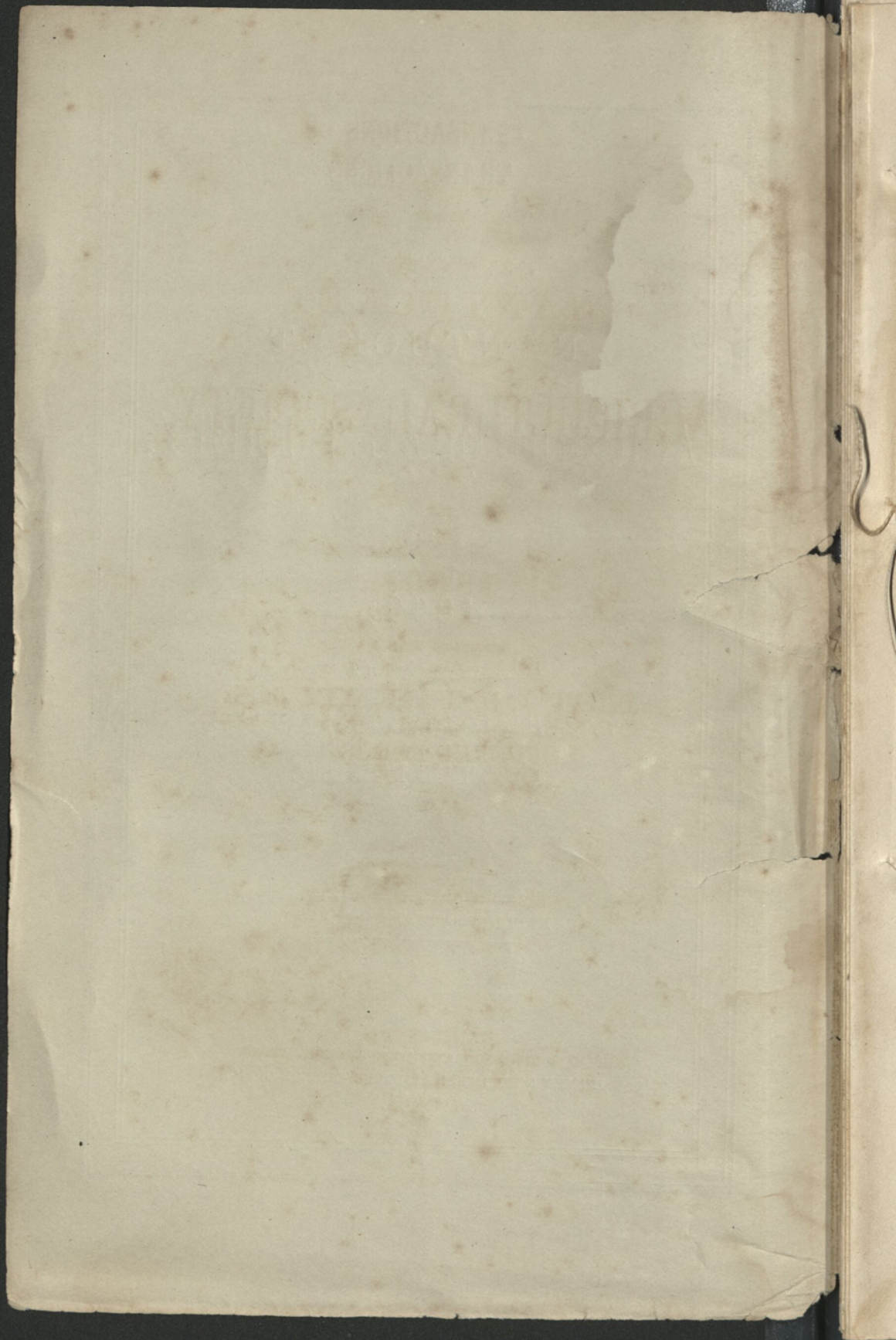
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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NANTUCKET AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Article 1st.—The Association shall be known by the name of the NANTUCKET AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Art. 2d.—The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, one Recording Secretary, one Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five, all of whom shall be chosen by ballot annually, and hold their offices until others are elected to fill their places, excepting at the first meeting, when they may be chosen as the meeting may determine, to serve until the second Monday in December next, and until others are elected.

Art. 3d.—The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the fourth Monday of October, and other meetings may be held as often as the officers may find it expedient, or the Society decide.

Art. 4th.—All meetings of the Society shall be duly notified in one or more of the papers published in town, one week in advance, or by personal notices to each member, as the officers may determine.

Art. 5th.—The funds of the Society shall be placed at interest by the Treasurer, under the direction of the President and other officers, and when they amount to

one thousand dollars, the interest thereon, and the two hundred dollars to be received from the State Treasury, shall be offered in premiums, and no appropriation shall ever be made reducing the capital below the sum of one thousand dollars.

Art. 6th.—Premiums shall be determined upon by the officers, at such times as they shall deem expedient.

Art. 7th.—The expenses of the Society shall be paid from assessments, contributions, &c.

Art. 8th.—The President and other officers shall regulate all the concerns of the Society during the intervals of its meetings, and propose such subjects of improvement to the attention of the public as well as the Society, appoint such committees, publish such communications, and offer such premiums as they shall think proper, provided the premiums offered, do not exceed the income of the Society, from its invested funds and the State; and they shall lay before the Society, at each of its meetings, a statement of their proceedings, and of any communications made to them.

Art. 9th.—The Recording Secretary shall record all the votes and proceedings of the Society and of the officers, and enter them in separate books, subject to the order of the Society.

Art. 10th.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Society, and all donations that may be made to it, and keep a true account of them in a book of the Society, and make such disposition of them as the Board of Officers may direct, not contrary to the fifth article of this Constitution; and at the Annual Meeting shall

make a full and true report of the condition of the finances, of the receipts and expenditures.

Art. 11th.—If at any meeting of the officers, or of the Society, the President, and Vice Presidents or Secretary shall be absent, the members present may fill the vacancy for that meeting, and not less than four members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. 12th.—The meetings of the officers shall be held at such times and places as they may determine upon.

Art. 13th.—Any person, by paying into the treasury two dollars, (or if a female) one dollar, and signing the rules adopted by the Society, shall be considered a member.

Art. 14th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, and voting upon the question of the proposed change.

OFFICERS FOR 1860.

The fourth Annual Meeting of the Society, was held at the Atheneum on the 12th of Dec., 1859, and the following named members were elected officers for the year A. D., 1860, being the fifth year of the existence of the Society.

President,

JAMES THOMPSON.

Vice Presidents,

NATHANIEL BARNEY,	ELIJAH H. ALLEY,
EDWARD MACY,	GEORGE W. MACY.

Recording Secretary,

JAMES M. BUNKER.

Treasurer,

WILLIAM M. BATES.

Executive Committee,

ALLEN SMITH,	ANDREW M. MYRICK,
SHUBAEL WORTH,	CHARLES C. FOLGER,
CHARLES SWAIN.	

Delegate to the State Board of Agriculture.

EDWARD W. GARDNER.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE FIFTH
CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR,

OF THE

Nantucket Agricultural Society.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Fifth Annual Exhibition of the Nantucket County Agricultural Society was held on Thursday and Friday, the 11th and 12th days of October, 1860; and notwithstanding certain unfavorable circumstances of climate, the result was highly satisfactory. During the first eight months of the year 1860, the amount of rain which fell was less than the average quantity, and owing to the want of rain, the crop of hay was less than usual. Esculents also were pinched, and reasonable apprehensions were entertained that our Exhibition would be inferior to those of previous years. But early in September a copious rain fell, and the decline of vegetation was arrested. Still the rain came so late, that ir-

retrievable damage had been incurred. During the first days of October, the weather was very cold, and an untimely frost arrested the growth of Indian corn, and hastened its harvesting, so that when warmer weather came, much damage was suffered by the sprouting of corn in the ear. Cranberries also were injured, and the amount of the crop was diminished one fourth. In Barnstable County, even greater injury was experienced; but as increased prices follow a diminished supply, the loss does not fall wholly on the producers, but is shared by the consumers. We turn to the more pleasing matters of review.

THE HALL.

A committee of members, consisting of Messrs. E. H. Alley, Andrew M. Myrick, William H. Waitt and George W. Macy, with whom was associated Mr. James H. Gibbs, and also a committee of ladies, arranged and ornamented the Hall, in a style simple, appropriate, and sufficiently ornamental. The body of the Hall was occupied by a light frame of uprights and horizontals, covered with white cloth, and spirally twined with evergreens. A series of tables running across the Hall, occupied the floor. Broad avenues extended from end to end of the Hall, and along its sides. Passages were left between the tables, or from East to West, the greatest length of the Hall being from North to South; thus each table was separate from every other. By this new plan, visitors were enabled to inspect the various articles without difficulty, and the ladies in charge of the tables, supervise their respective parishes with ease.

THE MOTTOES.

On entering the Hall, the first motto which met the eye, was this appropriate greeting, placed on the Northern wall,—“Gladly we welcome to our Island Home each friendly heart.” On the Eastern wall, were these words,—“Earth’s generous bounty crowns man’s patient toil.” On the Western wall, was this motto,—“The bounty of the harvest queen, makes of our fair a fair-y scene.” At the South end, opposite to the President’s platform, were these appropriate words—“Our Fair, though Annual, may as Centennial serve.” We think this last, a suggestive motto. Is it not better to have frequent gatherings and re-unions, to have them each year, and to concentrate on our agricultural festival all our outlays and energies, than to have one exhausting centennial? In this connection we will express our regret, that facilities were not afforded to our Cape friends to come over and join us in the jubilee.

The walls of the hall were hung with proofs of tasteful industry, and artistic skill, in the shape of worsted work, quilts and comforters, pictures and portraits. On the wall at the right of the Speaker’s platform, was arranged a large number of excellent ambrotypes and photographs, exclusively the work of Mr. William Summerhays, and they were all good specimens of his skill, and many of them possess the highest degree of excellence. On the corresponding wall at the left side of the platform, was a like display by Mr. E. T. Kelley. Several of Mr. Kelley’s pictures had been touched by the crayon of Mr. George G. Fish, and combined the excellent skill of both artists. The head of a young lady of this

place, and the half-length pictures of Messrs. Allen and Starbuck, are exquisite specimens. Several of the sample photographs are so soft, as hardly to need the magic touches of the crayon.

FIRST DAY, OCT. 11.

AT THE GROUNDS.

The weather on Thursday was not unfavorable to the out-of-door proceedings, and the examination of Stock took place at the Grounds pursuant to notice, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The number of cows on the ground was not quite equal to that of last year; but the cows present were of good quality. The number of yearlings, and also of two year old cattle, was large, and the animals were of excellent quality. We suppose that more cows would have been exhibited, were it not that by the rules of the Society, a particular account of the amount of milk and butter produced by cows competing for premiums, is required to be kept. This rule may be very salutary, but many farmers are unwilling to take the trouble to attend to it, for the sake of the premium which they may obtain. They will not take the trouble and incur the inconvenience of sending their cows any considerable distance, merely from disinterested motives.

A new performance was set down in the bill this year. Premiums were offered for the best Draught Horse, and the exhibition took place at 11 o'clock, A. M. Only three entries were made. These were made by Benjamin B. Gardner, Charles F. Coffin, and Richard E. Burgess. "By their works ye shall know them." Judges may err, when they consider only the appearance and "points" of a horse. He may turn out only a nag after

all. Not that the nature of the horse changes, but the judgment may have been erroneous. But if the animal takes the load along in good style, there can be no error in judgment. We trust that this will be a permanent premium—this for Draught Horses. Fast Horses are most attractive, but Draught Horses do the work.

The Society offered premiums for fast walking horses, but none appeared, to take the track.

The Plowing Match took place at 2 o'clock, P. M. The competitors were Richard E. Burgess, Charles W. Gardner, and Patrick Killeen, with horses; Joseph M. Folger, George Day, and Albert C. Bartlett, with oxen. There were other teams in attendance, but by some miscalculation the land prepared was insufficient for all the teams. The plowing was well done. Of course it was not all plowed equally well; but we shall not arrogate the committee's office, and we shall express no opinion of our own. The land was not favorable for an exhibition of the best plowing, being loose, and not wholly free from roots and stumps.

Although Barney Gould arrived in the boat on Thursday, no foot race came off. "First catch the bear," is a precept applicable here. The Executive of the Society advertised a foot race, it being understood, however, that the officers were not themselves to run, even if other persons should not offer to compete—"Provided, &c."

From four o'clock, P. M., until five, there was some fine trotting on the track. Capt. Joseph Ricketson, of New Bedford, who was present during the festivities, and who brought with him five horses, and his "master of horse," was at the Grounds on Thursday,

and having harnessed a fine and fast bay mare into Marshal Smith's sulky, showed the paces of his fleet animal in several rounds of competition with our friend Mr. C. F. Coffin. First one had it, then the other, then both.

SECOND DAY, OCT. 12.

AT THE GROUNDS.

The general examination of Horses took place at 10 o'clock, A. M. An examination of family horses was advertised, but few family horses came up to show their strength, their reasonable swiftness of foot, and to prove themselves "kind in any harness, and easy to be driven by a child or a lady."

At 11 o'clock, A. M., an equestrian display was made by Miss Susan S. Coffin, Master Levi S. Coffin, and Master Arthur S. Folger, who trotted around the track in good style. The young lady attracted much attention, and her riding was greatly admired.

In the afternoon, a large number of persons were in attendance at the Grounds, hoping to see a thorough trial of speed between Capt. Ricketson's swift horse, and the noble animals of Messrs. Starbuck and Coffin. No equal contest took place. Indeed, Mr. Starbuck did not contend at all. The track was fully occupied, however, until after four o'clock, when the company dispersed, and the Grounds were left for another year.

AT THE HALL.

The exercises at the Hall may be very briefly disposed of, for there was little speaking, and no extended report is required. The Hall was opened to the public on Thursday, at 1 o'clock, P. M., and a considerable num-

ber of visitors were able to make a quiet tour and survey of the Hall, and of the beauties of nature and art outspread on the tables and walls. In the evening, the entertainment of the occasion was opened by the Band, who played a few pieces and retired. The President, James Thompson, Esq., then welcomed the visitors to the Fifth Exhibition of the Society, and introduced the Glee Club, who, under the direction of Mr. A. T. Allen, sang several Glees during the evening. A symphony was also performed by Mr. Allen, on the violin, seconded by Mr. Hallett, accompanied by Mr. C. F. Cook, on the bass viol, and Mrs. Cook, with the piano. Dr. Fisher, of Worcester County, and the Delegate from the Board of Agriculture, appointed to be present, responded to the call of the President, by making a few remarks, congratulatory and suggestive. Mr. Atwater, of Fitchburg, made some happy remarks. Judge Gardner, of this place, was called out by the President, and spoke a few words very appropriate and acceptable. There was no more speaking during either evening.

If we were called on to say wherein the Exhibition of 1860 differed from the exhibitions of former years, we should say, chiefly in the display of fruit, which this year greatly surpassed that of any previous exhibition. It was an excellent display, both in respect to quantity and quality.

The quantity of apples was large. The variety was greater than ever before. Now we do not suppose that it is expedient for us to devote much time or expenditure of money, to the raising of apples. This valuable fruit of common use, grows in other States, and else-

where in our own State, more naturally than here. Also, our area is not large enough, for us to spare much room for a low-priced fruit. But apples, and good ones, can be raised at Nantucket.

The pears were abundant and excellent. When we say that the pears were abundant, we mean comparatively, and not absolutely. Considering the fact that we have had a Society, a nucleus for the aggregate of action, for a few years only, and that hitherto our thoughts and aims have tended elsewhere, considering all this, it is true that our few amateurs have done nobly in presenting to us on the late occasion, so many excellent pears. It is demonstrated that such pears can be raised here abundantly, if only the trees are set. This is a fancy fruit. It is a luxury. We can sell all we can raise, at generous prices in Boston, New York, and elsewhere.

We pass to the rich clusters of grapes which adorned our tables at the Hall. This is a fruit which is a native of our soil. It grows under glass and in the open air, willingly. It does not always ripen in the open air. But the seasons when it does not ripen, are exceptional. Placed in a sheltered position, with a proper backing to radiate heat in the night time, excellent clusters will repay the moderate toil of culture. Give grape vines a foothold, and they ask but little more. They will climb our roofs, creep along our walls, and profitably occupy space otherwise lost.

The display of quinces at the recent exhibition, was sufficient, to assure all beholders that Nantucket is the place where quinces can be raised abundantly, and of the finest quality. We have many acres of land which

are suited to the wants of quince trees. Many grass lots would pay a large interest to their owners, if the turf were turned, and the surface studded with quince trees. We could not glut the foreign market, if scores of acres were devoted to the growth of the quince tree. Calling up in our mind the rich burthen of those tables, and viewing the capability of our soil, we derive from the recent exhibition abundant encouragement for the future.

The display of butter at the recent exhibition, exceeded that of every other year. There were ten lots of ten pounds each offered, and we learn from the committee, that more than half of it was of superior quality, and that they found it very difficult to decide which was best, where so much was excellent. We trust that the Society, will hereafter give more and larger premiums for the encouragement of butter makers, and to make them willing to bring their butter to the annual fair.

The vegetables presented as specimens were generally of excellent quality, but the quantity was not so large as it might have been, and as was desirable. Visitors are better pleased with abundance, than scantiness. The late exhibition was certainly successful. It was indeed a great festival; the stores were closed during a part of the days. The Eagle's Wing brought her loads of welcome visitors, and everybody seemed to be disposed to take enjoyment, and to desire to add to the enjoyment of others. Our *Annual* did indeed serve as a *Centennial*; and as a substitute, did valiant service. We think, that one hundred annuals are better, vastly better than one Centennial.

Last of all and to crown all, came the dance, which succeeded the entertainments of Friday evening. More than three hundred ladies and gentlemen engaged in the merry dance; and day was treading close on the heels of night, when the last dancers left the floor. The music by Smith's quadrille band, was every way up to the tone of the occasion, and gave universal satisfaction.

We cannot close our general view of the recent festival, and proceed to give a somewhat minute detail of the various departments of exhibition, without claiming for the originators of the Nantucket County Society, great honor, and asserting their just claims to the gratitude of every one of us. We have derived from this Society, stimulus for our industry, means of wealth, and new sources of social enjoyment.

FRUIT.

GRAPES.—James Thompson, President of the Society, exhibited a show-case containing Black Hamburg, Rose Chasselas, and Syrians.

E. H. Alley, a case of Black Hamburg, Rose Chasselas, White Sweetwater, and Palestine; also a specimen of Hartford Prolific.

Isabella grapes by William H. Waitt, Isaiah Folger, Sylvester Hodges, George Palmer, Henry D. Robinson, Nathaniel Barney, Lewis H. Wendel, Jesse Baker, Josiah Gorham, Robert Ratliff, Wm. B. Coffin, Edward P. Coffin, Roland B. Hussey and Freeman Parker.

Dianas by James Thompson, George Palmer, and Robert Ratliff; Charter Oak by C. H. Matthews, of South Abington.

Mrs. B. F. Durfee, of Fall River, made a beautiful

display of the Black Hamburg, Rose Chasselas, Black St. Peter's, White Nice, Cannon Hall Muscat, Frontignan and Syrian varieties.

APPLES.—Edward H. Easton exhibited a dish of apples from a tree planted by the late Walter Folger; Samuel King exhibited 11 varieties; Isaiah Folger, 2 do.; James Thompson, 4 do.; Job Sisson, Jr., Acushnet, 7 do.; Thomas Macy, one basket apples; two varieties from Lynn; C. H. Matthews, South Dartmouth, 9 varieties; E. H. Alley, 2 do.; H. G. O. Dunham, 1 do.; a dish of very handsome apples, from Ohio, was exhibited by Mrs. John B. Rodgers.

PEARS.—A. J. Morton exhibited one variety; Samuel King, 12 do.; Isaiah Folger, 1 do.; James Thompson, 12 do.; William M. Bates, 3 do.; Sylvester Hodges, 2 do.; R. Ratliff, 5 do.; Edwin Swain, 1 do.; George B. Orswell, 7 do.; E. H. Alley, 9 do.; William R. Easton, 2 do.; Nathaniel Barney, 13 do.; L. H. Wendel, 5 do.; Sarah N. Swain, 1 do.; Josiah Gorham, 15 do.; E. W. Gardner, 3 do.; Thomas Macy, 1 basket, and H. G. O. Dunham, 1 dish of pears; Joseph H. Starbuck, of Falmouth, and Edmund Gardner, of New Bedford, each 1 variety.

PEACHES.—Fine specimens of peaches were exhibited by Mrs. Mary C. Ewer, Miss Eunice Coleman, Isaiah Folger, Edwin Swain, George B. Orswell, A. P. Moore, William B. Mitchell, William M. Bunker, Freeman Parker, Willie F. Barney, and C. H. Matthews of South Dartmouth.

QUINCES.—Fine specimens were exhibited by Master John P. Hinckley, Mitchell Barney, Miss Ann Bunker,

Mrs. Susan Mitchell, Mrs. Nancy Paddock, Mrs. Peter Folger, John W. Macy, James Easton, Edwin Swain, C. F. Coffin, Joshua Parker, H. G. O. Dunham, William H. Waitt, Mrs. Sarah N. Swain, Mrs. Margaret Cary, Mrs. Lydia Fitzgerald, and Mrs. Mary Watson.

MISCELLANEOUS.—E. W. Gardner exhibited cultivated cranberries; R. Ratliff, Lawton blackberries and tomatoes. Tuckernuck was represented by Mr. John Brooks, who exhibited one dish of cultivated beach plums.

Charles F. Brown, exhibited watermelons raised from Nantucket seed, fifty-seven of which, grown on one rod of ground, weighed 456 pounds, or at the rate of thirty-six tons to the acre.

FLOWERS.

Among the most beautiful, were those contributed by Master J. W. B. Hallett. There were many very fine bouquets and vases of Dahlias displayed by the following contributors; Lewis H. Wendel, 30 varieties; William M. Bates, Cromwell Barnard, Mrs. Jane L. Folger, Mrs. Charles Barnard, and many others equally worthy of notice. There were many dishes of fine cut flowers, arranged with the usual scientific and exquisite taste of Mrs. James Thompson and Mrs. E. H. Alley. Mrs. C. E. Coffin, also contributed some fine dishes of flowers.

FANCY ARTICLES.

Mrs. Eliza Willis, contributed one worsted carriage blanket and pin cushion; Mrs. F. C. Sanford, chenelle and bead embroidery; Miss Sarah F. Sanford, worsted embroidery; Mrs. S. H. Parker, specimens of yarn, and wool batting; Miss Eliza Ann Gardner, knit hose; Miss

Mary C. Lawrence, 1 knit worsted shawl; Mrs. Lydia W. Morton, infant's dress, embroidered skirt, and hair bracelet; Mrs. Adeline H. Brown, 1 patchwork quilt; Mrs. L. Lovell, worsted chair cushion, ottoman and two tidies; Mrs. Phebe Coleman, a beautiful white knit quilt; Master Henry S. Wyer, a picture; Mitchell Barney, a case of finely arranged insects; Mrs. Benjamin G. Smith, skeleton leaves, and frame of native shells; Miss Fanny Tallant, crochet cushion and tidy; Master Abner Turner, Jr., one neat patchwork quilt, arranged by him between the ages of 5 and 8 years; Mrs. Richard Gardner, specimen of knit lace; Mrs. Sarah H. Briggs, shell-work and pressed mosses; Carrie A. Briggs, specimen of shell-work; Louisa M. Chadwick, an Oriental painting and worsted work; Mary A. Gardner, a crochet tidy; Mrs. Frederick G. Coffin, a box of worsted articles, ten pieces; Mrs. Reuben Allen, a hearth-rug; scholars of Polpis School, specimens of embroidery; Miss Amelia Coffin, a worsted hood, Sontag, and shell-picture; Miss Lucy Starbuck, a pair of child's gaiters; Mrs. S. M. Haggerty, an embroidered cushion; F. W. Folger, pressed leaves; Ann M. Bunker, a crochet set; Lizzie Young, Chilian work; Harriet E. Coleman, an embroidered skirt; Mrs. George H. Brock, a tidy, three chair seats, and sofa cushion; Eliza H. Macy, two toilet cushions, two tomato do., two strawberry do., and watch-case; Judith Crosby, a case containing five pieces worsted embroidery, of beautiful workmanship; Mrs. Delia M. Folger, specimens of hair work; Mrs. Clarissa Allen, a worsted tidy, and crochet do.; Mrs. E. P. Fearing, a knit shawl, two worsted cushions, screen, lamp

mat, embroidery, crochet tidy, two worsted tidies, two embroidered worsted do., and two pairs infant's socks; Mrs. George R. Folger, wax flowers and shell work; Mrs. Elizabeth Hussey, bags, holders, and cushions; Lizzie Sayer, cambric and flannel embroidery; Eliza C. Ray, slippers and child's cap; H. M. Fosdick, two album quilts; Mary E. Macy, one crochet tidy; Mrs. Lydia Hussey, a shirt and pair of hose; Miss Priscilla Gardner, specimen of hair work; Mrs. Margaret F. Coffin, show case of beautiful embroidery; Louisa M. Chadwick, a baby show, which, though not brought in till late on the last day of the Fair, attracted much attention, from the taste and skill displayed in its getting up.

MANUFACTURED AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

Messrs. Trafton & Barrally exhibited a case of ladies' boots and slippers of their own manufacture, of very superior workmanship; Mrs. C. B. Ray, two jars pickles; Mrs. Nancy B. Hussey, jar of martinoes; John Gray, a pair of men's thick boots; Mrs. William H. Farnham, antique mugs; Mrs. Benjamin B. Gardner, pickled nasturtions; J. F. Brown, a folding dinner chair, steamboat do., and specimens of Japanese wood; Alexander G. Coffin, beautiful specimens of dentistry; L. A. Hooper, specimens of candy; J. W. B. Hallett, a case of Nantucket insects, collected and arranged by him during the past year; Mrs. Jane L. Folger, a bottle of tomato wine; George Myrick, a box of cigars, from tobacco grown by him, and manufactured by William M. Russell; Mrs. James Thompson, scarf and socks knit by machine;

William Clasby, a soda cracker of huge dimensions; Margaret S. Ray, a loaf of bread; Miss Sarah Bunker, antique chair; Julia Linnett, loaf of white bread; Hepsa Fisher, a loaf of white bread; Charles R. Allen, very handsomely turned mortars; Hattie P. Winn, a loaf of bread; Allen H. Gifford, a handsome schooner, "Island Clipper;" Charles H. Baker a clipper-built sloop; Mrs. George R. Folger, a dish of wax fruit made by herself—correct representations of the orange, lemon, apple, pear, peach, quince, tomato, and grape; E. H. Alley, two bottles blackberry, two do. currant, and two do. gooseberry wine; H. C. Burdick, knife and fork cleaner; Hussey & Robinson, a pair of rabbits, manufactured from roller composition; Robert Ratliff, specimen of mosses; Mary Easton, specimen of moss work; Mrs. Warren, embroidered blanket; L. H. Wendel, jar of preserved strawberries; Mrs. Nathaniel Barney, and Mrs. E. W. Gardner, beautiful specimens of honey comb; Mrs. Ann Swain, four jars mixed pickles; Thomas Snow, grasses and fancy soap; Hannah M. Fosdick, specimen of mosses; Margaret Cary, Graham, white, and rye and Indian bread; Lydia Fitzgerald, one doll; G. W. Stevens, a rattlesnake's rattle; Mrs. Benjamin B. Hussey, cocoanut cakes; Lydia Fitzgerald, one reticule; Miss Cathcart, antique chair, little table and spoon; Mary R. Folger, specimens of shell flowers; R. M. Gardner, of New Bedford, a hot water warming pan; G. T. Parkhurst, of Baltimore, a whale oil lamp; Mrs. J. C. Hussey, antique candlesticks. Mr. F. B. Smith, Orange street, made a good exhibition of picture frames. A jar of water from the farm where the first Peter Folger

lived, being from the spring where Abial Folger, the mother of Dr. Franklin lived, and where she used to go for water, when a girl, was exhibited by Benjamin B. Gardner.

Fine specimens of soap were on exhibition by Geo. W. Stevens. J. H. Burgess, of New Bedford, also made a fine display of common and fancy soaps. Two raspberry canes, this year's growth, one fourteen and the other sixteen feet long, were shown by Nathaniel Barney; one cage rabbits, by O. G. Fosdick, and one do. by D. W. Farnham.

Messrs. Parker, Gannett & Osgood, of Boston, had on exhibition a Buckeye Mowing Machine, which possessed some advantages over any other mowing machine which we have ever seen. We commend it to the notice of our farmers who are in want of a good machine. George W. Macy is the agent in this place.

STOCK.

The following is the list of Stock entered at the Grounds of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, Thursday, October 11th, 1860:—

John O'Connell, two 2 years' old heifers, for premium.

William Bartlett, one yoke of oxen, for premium.

Charles W. Gardner, two 2 years' old heifers, and one yearling heifer, half Ayrshire, for premium.

Charles Pitman, one bull, $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old, for premium and sale.

Richard E. Burgess, one pair 3 years' old steers, for premium; one pair horses, for plowing.

Joseph M. Folger, one pair oxen, for premium.

William Rawson, one pair oxen, 7 years old, for premium.

Andrew M. Myrick, one bull, Bruce, for exhibition, and five cows, one 2 years' old heifer, half Ayrshire, and two yearling heifers, for premium.

William C. Folger, one cow, 5 years old, for premium.

Andrew R. Worth, one cow, five years old, and one do. 4 years old, on exhibition; and one 2 years' old heifer, one yearling do., and twelve chickens, for premium.

George C. Gardner, one pair oxen, two buck sheep, one buck lamb, five ewe sheep, and twelve ducks, for premium.

Charles Starbuck, one pair oxen, 4 years old, for premium.

Alexander Nicholson, one 2 years' old heifer, for premium.

Edward W. Gardner, one bull, Bruce, Jr., $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old, two yearling steers, and one yearling heifer, for premium.

Gardner Coffin, one heifer $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old, and one sow and seven pigs two weeks old, for premium.

Albert C. Folger, one bull 2 years old, for premium.

George F. Hammond, one Durham bull, four yearling heifers, and two yearling steers, for premium.

Benjamin B. Gardner, five cows, one heifer 2 years old, one yearling heifer, half Ayrshire, and one yearling bull, half Ayrshire, for premium.

George Robinson, one pair 3 years' old steers, for premium.

Charles C. Folger, three 2 years' old heifers, and one yearling bull, for premium.

Joseph Vincent, one bull, one-half Ayrshire and one-half Durham; sire, Bruce, dam, Flora. A cow, one-half Durham, $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old last May, and five heifers, cross of Ayrshire and native.

William H. Phinney, one sow with seven pigs 6 weeks old, and one sow with twelve pigs, 3 weeks old.

E. W. Gardner, one sow, Essex and native, with ten pigs 7 days old, one sow, Mc and Essex, with eight pigs 12 weeks old, fourteen ducks and thirteen hens.

Frederick W. Folger, thirteen ducks.

Thomas Ellis, twelve native white ducks.

Charles F. Coffin, one draught horse; Benjamin B. Gardner, one do.; Richard E. Burgess, one do.

FRIDAY, October 12th.—Edward Morris, one colt, 27 months old, weighing 800 pounds.

Joseph M. Folger, one colt, 3 years old, 860 pounds.

George C. Gardner, two mares and two colts; one colt 17 months old, 741 pounds.

Charles Swain, one mare and colt.

John O'Connell, one colt, 3 years old, 820 pounds.

Benjamin B. Gardner, one colt, two years old, 900 pounds.

John Backus, one colt, 17 months old, 741 pounds.

Richard E. Burgess, one colt, 3 years old, 950 pounds.

George F. Hammond, one colt, 16 months old.

Charles C. Folger, one colt, 16 months old, 655 pounds.

Obed Starbuck, one colt, 3 years old; one do., 2 years old.

William R. Perkins, one colt, 17 months old, 745 pounds.

Andrew M. Myrick, one grey mare, 5 years old, and her colt, 5 months old; one colt 29 months old, 755 pounds.

E. W. Gardner, one colt, $1\frac{1}{2}$ years old; one do., $3\frac{1}{2}$ years old.

Seth F. Myrick, one colt, 29 months old, 865 pounds.

William Starbuck, one colt, 2 years old, 885 pounds; one mare, with colt 5 months old.

James Codd, one family horse; Sanford Wilbur, one do. do.

Joseph Vincent, exhibited the horse "Rising Sun."

Matthew Starbuck, one trotting horse.

VEGETABLES.

Fine displays of vegetables were made by the following contributors:—Turnips, sugar beets and pumpkins, by Samuel B. Swain; long Spanish sweet potatoes, by Rev. J. E. Crawford; beets, turnips, and sweet corn, by Mrs. Ann Swain; a basket of barley, from a sample of $37\frac{1}{2}$ bushels raised on 120 rods of land, by Benj. B. Gardner; potatoes, cranberries, Swain corn, barley, a sample of $42\frac{1}{2}$ bushels to the acre, crook neck squash, beans and onions, by Charles W. Gardner; onions, potatoes, beans, cranberries, and French turnips, by Joseph M. Folger; pumpkins and corn, by George Coleman; corn, Cape Horn pumpkins, squashes, dried pumpkin, beans, a sample of five bushels to one-quarter acre, sweet corn and potatoes, by Zimri Cathcart; cabbages, beets, corn and potatoes, by Edward Hammond; carrots, beets, potatoes, turnips, corn, squashes, and Honolulu nectarine squash, by Shubael Worth; beets and

pumpkins, by Manuel Enas; mammoth onions, by Reuben Chadwick; turnips, carrots, twin pumpkins and potatoes, by Asa P. Jones; potatoes, by Samuel B. Swain; corn, pumpkins, cabbages, onions, potatoes, turnips and beets, by William H. Phinney; Paddack squashes, by William C. Gardner; potatoes, turnips, onions, pumpkins, squashes, corn, oats, beans and cranberries, by Gardner Coffin; cabbages, corn, onions, potatoes, turnips and buckwheat, by E. W. Gardner; blood and turnip beets, large and smooth, by Peleg Ray; Capt. Alexander Bunker, and Peter Myrick, exhibited specimens of corn raised in Illinois.

JAMES M. BUNKER, *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

Vegetables.

The Committee appointed to award premiums and gratuities for Garden Vegetables, have made the following awards :—

To Shubael Worth, for a sample of King Philip corn, two large South American squashes, a specimen of mixed corn, and a lot of beets, \$1 50.

To Benjamin B. Gardner, for a sample of white barley, 50 cents.

To William Bartlett, for a sample (one bushel) of potatoes and onions, 75 cents.

To Edward Hammond, for three excellent cabbages, 25 cents.

To Gardner Coffin, for a lot of vegetables, consisting of potatoes, turnips, onions, corn, pumpkins, squashes, oats, beans, and cranberries, \$1 50.

To William C. Gardner, for two fine specimens of the Paddack squash, 25 cents.

To E. W. Gardner, for samples of several varieties of corn, potatoes and onions, 75 cents.

To Richard E. Burgess, for fine pumpkins, cabbage, onions, corn, and beets, \$1 50.

To Zimri Cathcart, for a basket of excellent potatoes, also for fine seed corn, squashes, and prepared sweet corn, \$1 50.

To Wesley Berry, for a basket of noble onions, 50 cents.

To Joseph M. Folger, for a fine assortment of beans, apple and chenango potatoes, onions, cranberries, and seed corn, \$1 63.

To Reuben Chadwick, for a huge string of onions, which attracted much attention, \$1.

To William H. Phinney, for a tea-chest of onions, 25 cents.

To Charles W. Gardner, for samples of barley and wheat, and for a sample of selected cranberries, and corn, \$1 25.

To James Thompson, for two Honolulu nectarine squashes, 25 cents.

Other contributions of vegetables were made, for which no premium has

been awarded; but the Society is indebted to all those persons who helped to swell the general interest of the exhibition, by bringing in their samples. It is very desirable, for larger quantities to be brought to the vegetable room, and for more numerous contributions to be made. Strangers to the island have little opportunity to inspect our fields, and to judge our crops in the aggregate. They form their opinions of our soil, and of the ability of our farmers, by the specimens which they find in the vegetable room. It is highly expedient, for us to do all in our power, to attract this class of persons to our island at the time of our great festival, as well as to furnish a good display to our own citizens. It is to be hoped therefore, that the tables and shelves of the room may be heaped next year, with the best products of the season in all their variety.

SHUBAEL WORTH,
BENJAMIN B. GARDNER, } Committee.

Fruits.

If bread is the staff of life, and the cultivation of flowers is the poetry of Agriculture the production and consumption of fruit, is quite as essential to the well-being and growth of man, as either of the former. The necessity of fruit, for the health of man, and consequently for his perfection, physically, morally and intellectually, is generally admitted; and therefore, every person who can command a rod of earth, should do something towards increasing its production.

The past season has been exceedingly favorable to the fruit grower, and the tables at our Fairs, gave evidence that preparation had been made for abundant harvests.

During a discussion at the late Cattle Show at Sturbridge, of the question whether sufficient encouragement was given by our Agricultural Societies to the cultivation of Fruits, a physician said that the past season

had been one of the worst for his profession which he had ever known for there had hardly been sickness enough to keep them alive, and he attributed the abundant health of the people, to the fact of their having such great quantities of excellent ripe fruit. Another doctor said that he had found by experience that to have good fruit, every one should raise his own trees; and that for an apple orchard he would plant thousands of seeds, and when they were one year old, if he wanted fifty trees, he would select one hundred of the best of them, and engraft them near the ground, and after another year, select from the one hundred, fifty, and set out in his orchard. He would use only the scions of the Northern Spy, as that is the greatest grower, and makes the finest trunks of any variety; and then engraft into these trunks such other varieties as he desired, and the growth of the leaves and fruit of all varieties, may thus be greatly increased in size and perfection. If this is true of the apple, it is probably so of the pear also; and it may be well for fruit-growers, to make choice of the thriftiest growing pear, for the trunks of all varieties.

It is the opinion of your Committee, that sufficient encouragement is not given here for the culture of fruit. Thousands of dollars go from here annually for fruit, to enrich the people of other places, who have no better soil or advantages of any kind for the culture of fruit, than we have. Instead of being importers, we should be exporters.

There is one little row of blackberry vines in town, not covering one rod of ground, from which over ten dollars' worth of berries have been sold this year, which,

after paying for the picking, would leave over \$1600 to the acre; and there are probably hundreds of acres of land on the island, which would produce quite equal to this little space. This is only one example of many which might be given.

At our exhibition this year, there were one hundred and seventy-three dishes of fruit, and eighty-one exhibitors, showing a gain of 73 per cent. of dishes, and 130 per cent. of exhibitors since our first show of 1856; and the quality of the fruit this year, is far superior to that of any one preceding it.

GRAPES.

E. H. Alley exhibited a case of green-house grapes, of four varieties, viz.: Black Hamburg, Rose Chasselas, White Sweetwater, and Palestine, and your Committee award to him \$3.

James Thompson exhibited one case also, containing three varieties, viz.: Black Hamburg, Rose Chasselas, and Syrian. The two former in this case were quite equal to those in the other, but the Syrian, which were very beautiful to the eye, were rather sour to the taste. We award to Mr. Thompson, for this case, \$2.

There were fifteen dishes of Isabella grapes, by fourteen exhibitors, viz.: Isaiah Folger, William B. Coffin, Edward P. Coffin, William H. Waitt, Sylvester Hodges, George Palmer, Henry D. Robinson, Nathaniel Barney, Lewis H. Wendel, Jesse Baker, Josiah Gorham, Robert Ratliff, Freeman Parker, and Roland B. Hussey, and we award to Isaiah Folger, \$1, and to William B. Coffin and Edward P. Coffin, 50 cents each.

Of Diana grapes, there were three exhibitors, viz.: George Palmer, James Thompson, and Robert Ratliff, and we award to George Palmer 50 cents.

E. H. Alley exhibited one bunch of Hartford Prolific grapes, the flavor of which was not equal to the Isabella; yet on account of its early ripening, it may be well to cultivate it here.

Mr. G. B. Orswell exhibited very superior green-house grapes, also pears and peaches from the garden of Mrs. Durfee, of Fall River.

PEARS.

Josiah Gorham exhibited fifteen varieties of pears, viz.: Beurre Goubault,

Beurre Clairgeau, Beurre Diel, Buffum, Flemish Beauty, Vicar of Winkfield, Dumas, Marie Louise, Seckel, Figue, and five others, names unknown, and we award to him \$2.

Samuel King exhibited twelve varieties, viz.: Soldat Laboureur, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Bartlett, Flemish Beauty, Jalousie de Fontenay Vendee, Lawrence, Seckel, Buffum, and one unknown, and we award to him \$1 50.

Nathaniel Barney exhibited fourteen varieties, viz.: Black Worcester, Andrews, Easter Beurre, Buffum, St. Nicholas, Bartlett, Dumas, Beurre Goubault, and six others, names not known, and we award to him \$1.

James Thompson exhibited eleven varieties, viz.: Vicar of Winkfield, Compte de Lamy, Colmar d'Arenburg, Flemish Beauty, Beurre Diel, Urbaniste, Beurre d'Amalis, Bartlett, Beurre de Beaumont, and two unknown, and we award to him \$1.

E. H. Alley exhibited nine varieties, viz.: Easter Beurre, Vicar of Winkfield, Urbaniste, Washington, Beurre Clairgeau, Glout Morceau, Dallas, Beurre d'Arenburg, and Buffum, and we award to him \$1.

Lewis H. Wendel exhibited seven dishes of pears, five of Flemish Beauty, from one tree, and two unknown, and we award him \$1.

Robert Ratliff exhibited eight dishes of five varieties, viz.:—Bartlett, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Beurre Diel, White Doyenne and Gardner. Pomologists give but one variety to the two last names. His four dishes of Bartletts were probably unsurpassed in size or flavor by any in the world, and your Committee award to him \$1.

Mrs. Andrew J. Morton exhibited three dishes of very fine Beurre Diel, and we award to her 50 cents.

Mrs. Sarah Swain exhibited a large basket of Marie Louise, from one tree, and we award to her 50 cents.

William R. Easton exhibited one dish of Beurre Diel, and one of Jalousie de Fontenay Vendee, very fine, and we award to him 50 cents.

William M. Bates exhibited three varieties, viz.:—Beurre Diel, Beurre d'Arenburg, and Seckel, the latter very handsome, and we award to him 50 cents.

E. W. Gardner exhibited four dishes, viz.:—Seckel, Beurre Diel, Beurre Goubault, and St. Michael's.

J. B. King, and Josiah Folger, exhibited each a dish of fine Flemish Beauties.

Thomas Snow exhibited three varieties, viz.:—Flemish Beauty, and two unknown.

Thomas Macy, and Edwin Swain, each a dish unknown.

Edmund Gardner, of New Bedford, exhibited a basket of very fine Seckels.

James C. Starbuck exhibited a fine dish of Beurre Bosc, from Falmouth.

APPLES.

Samuel King exhibited eleven varieties of apples, viz.:—Swaar, Ladies' Sweeting, Green Sweet, Willow Twig, Seek-no-further, Grove, Rhode Island Greening, Pignonette, Gravensteine, and two unknown, and we award to him \$2.

Sylvester Hodges exhibited five varieties; Rhode Island Greening, Russet, Sweet, and two unknown, and we award to him \$1.

E. H. Alley exhibited one dish Russets and Greenings, and we award to him 25 cents.

James Thompson exhibited three varieties; Rhode Island Greening, Gravensteine, and Summer Sweet Bower, and we award to him 50 cents.

Isaiah Folger exhibited one dish of Rhode Island Greening, and Porter, and we award him 25 cents.

H. G. O. Dunham, and a contributor unknown, each exhibited a dish of apples without a name.

Edward H. Easton donated to the Society a dish of red apples, from a tree planted by the late Walter Folger, and which is now in the yard of Capt. Charles E. Starbuck.

C. H. Matthews, of South Dartmouth, exhibited a handsome collection of apples, pears, peaches, chestnuts, and Charter Oak grapes.

Fine Gravensteine and Baldwin apples from Lynn, by the same.

Mrs. John B. Rogers exhibited very large and fine apples, from Ohio, one of which would make a dumpling sufficient for quite a family.

Job Sisson, Jr., of Acushnet, exhibited seven varieties of very fine apples.

QUINCES.

Mrs. Peter Folger, Miss Ann Bunker, J. P. Hinckley, Mitchell Barney, Mrs. Susan Mitchell, John W. Macy, Mrs. Nancy Paddock, James Easton, Edwin Swain, E. H. Alley, C. F. Coffin, Joshua Parker, H. G. O. Dunham, Lewis H. Wendel, S. H. Swain, Margaret Cary, Mrs. Lydia Fitzgerald, William H. Waitt, and Mrs. Mary Watson, exhibited very fine apple and orange quinces; and your Committee award to Mrs. Peter Folger, \$2, and to Miss Ann Bunker, \$1.

PEACHES.

Alexander P. Moore, William B. Mitchell, Mrs. Mary C. Ewer, Willie Frank Barney, Isaiah Folger, Miss Eunice Coleman, Edwin Swain, Freeman Parker, and one person unknown, exhibited peaches, none of which were of sufficiently good quality to deserve a premium; and your Committee recommend to all of the exhibitors, to procure trees of the best varieties; as the same spot which produces fruit of an inferior quality, will produce an equal quantity of the best, if the trees are exchanged.

CRANBERRIES.

Charles W. Gardner, Henry Swain, and E. W. Gardner, each exhibited a dish of very fine cranberries, and we award to Charles W. Gardner \$1 for the best.

BLACKBERRIES.

William R. Easton and Robert Ratliff, each exhibited a dish of Lawton blackberries, and your Committee recommend to the Society, to offer a premium next year, for the best patch of this excellent fruit, of not less than one-quarter of an acre.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Charles Barnard exhibited one dish of Blackberry Tomato.

William H. Waitt exhibited one dish of Barberries.

John Brooks exhibited a dish of cultivated Beach Plums, from Tuckernuck, and we award to him 25 cents.

Charles F. Brown exhibited two fine watermelons. He planted one rod of ground, and had 57 melons, averaging eight pounds, making 456 pounds to the rod, or over 36 tons to the acre, which at 1 1-2 cents per pound, amounts to \$1094 40-100. If any farmer can get one-tenth of this amount to the acre, it will pay him well.

For the Committee,

E. W. GARDNER.

Field Crops.

From all the observations your Committee on Crops have made. they are satisfied that agricultural improvements are progressing within the limits of our society; a spirit of inquiry is abroad among the farmers; the good influence of association, annual exhibitions, reports, and statements, is perceptible in the improvement of all farming operations. One neighbor stimulates another, and each becomes more interested in his work, by seeing and hearing of the successful or unsuccessful experiments of others. We would say, go on with your im-

provements, and rest not satisfied, until you are entitled to our highest premiums.

INDIAN CORN.

The season having been unfavorable for the growth and maturing of the corn crop, your Committee was not surprised to find many crops withdrawn, after they had been entered for premium; indeed, we do not remember ever to have heard so many farmers as we have this year, say that they were disappointed in the corn crop. The severe drought of the season, together with a heavy wind which occurred at the most critical period of its growth, injured the crop, in the opinion of the Committee one-eighth; still, we found some very good corn. Your Committee have examined every claimant's field of corn, measured one rod, saw the corn harvested, shelled, and weighed as accurately as if buying or selling, and at a time when the corn was dry enough to crib or grind. How much, corn will shrink between the harvesting and the other side of a cold winter, is not given us to decide. For ourselves, we believe the shrinkage is much greater than is generally supposed.

There were seven entries of corn for premium, three of which were withdrawn on account of inferiority of crops. The first premium of \$10, we award to Allen Smith, for 42 pounds of shelled corn on one rod.

The second premium of \$8, we award to Charles C. Folger, for 33 pounds of shelled corn per rod.

The third premium of \$5, we award to Arnold Morse, for 31 1-2 pounds of shelled corn per rod.

The fourth premium of \$3, we award to William Bartlett, for 29 1-2 pounds of shelled corn per rod.

These are large crops and paying ones, and show what can be done. From these statements, we learn that more than ninety bushels of shelled corn can be raised on one acre, and that too, in seasons and on soils deemed quite unfavorable. It is thought by many, that corn will not yield a good crop, unless planted on sward land; but it will be seen by the statement of Allen Smith, that the land on which his corn grew, had been cultivated seven years.

WHEAT.

There was only one entry of wheat: that by Allen Smith; and to him we award the first premium of \$5, for 26 1-2 bushels on one acre. It is the opinion of your Committee, that wheat can be made a profitable crop in this county; and if every farmer would raise his acre of wheat, he

would not only be well paid, but would have the satisfaction of raising his own bread.

POTATOES.

There was only one entry of potatoes: that by William Bartlett; and to him we award the first premium of \$5, for 310 bushels on one acre.

OATS.

There was only one entry of oats: that by Gardner Coffin; and to him we award the first premium of \$4, for 35 bushels per acre.

BARLEY.

There were four entries of barley; one of which was withdrawn. To Daniel Vincent, we award the first premium of \$5, for 52 bushels per acre.

The second premium of \$3, we award to Allen Smith, for 46 4-13 bushels per acre.

To Charles W. Gardner, we award the third premium of \$2, for 44 1-2 bushels per acre.

HAY.

There was only one entry of hay: that by Gardner Coffin; and to him we award the first premium of \$5, for 4 tons and 1256 pounds per acre.

ONIONS.

There were two entries of onions; one of which was withdrawn; the other not coming up to the standard required, was not considered by the Committee worthy of a premium.

BEANS.

There was only one entry of beans: that by William Bartlett; and although a fair crop for the season, yet in the opinion of the Committee, was not worthy of a premium.

For the Committee,

ALLEN SMITH.

Forest Trees.

The Committee on Forest Trees, report that but one plantation was offered for premium.

This was twelve acres of yellow pine trees, four years old, planted by

Mr. Joseph Vincent in 1856. They are as well grown as this slow growing tree usually is at four years from planting, and to Mr. Vincent must be awarded the first premium, of \$5.

Your Committee regret that no more applications have been made for premiums on Forest Trees, as they fear that few or none have been planted the last three or four years. We do not see the reason for this, as nearly all that have been planted have done well; that is, they have grown as fast as this very slow growing tree grows in any part of New England. Why this slow growing tree should have been planted to so large an extent, and none other of our forest trees, we cannot understand. The oak grows in half the time that the pine does; fourteen years from planting, the oak is large enough for firewood, and it takes the pine twenty-eight years to reach the same size. Besides the oak, we have the ash, the maple, the walnut, and the beech, all indigenous to our soil and climate. These were the trees native to our Island; the frames and the covering of boards to many of our old houses, are solid oak, firm and sound now. The remains of the trees, in their roots and stumps, are found of large size, imbedded in the peat of our swamps. Shellbarks have been dug out this year, from peat dug from a very old mowing lot, probably one hundred years old. No good reason can be given why we should not plant these trees; the beech grows quick, and makes a fine hedge planted near together and interlaced. With us, where fencing stuff is so scarce and dear, this might be done to great advantage. The beech nuts fall in great quantities, and can be easily and cheaply procured.

For the Committee,

JOHN H. SHAW.

Horses.

The Committee on Horses, have awarded the premiums, and report as follows:—

STALLIONS.

First premium of \$5, to William R. Perkins' 17 months' old.

The noble animal "Rising Sun," was on exhibition by Joseph Vincent.

MARES AND COLTS.

Of this class there were five entries; George C. Gardner, two; Andrew M. Myrick, one; Charles Swain, one, and Edward Macy, one.

First premium of \$5, to George C. Gardner, for "Nelly Hooper" and colt.

Second premium of \$3, to Andrew M. Myrick.

The colt belonging to George C. Gardner's black mare, was the ninth colt in nine years.

COLTS THREE YEARS' OLD.

There were six entries of three years' old colts; by Charles A. Burgess, Charles W. Gardner, Joseph M. Folger, Obed Starbuck, John Connell, and Edward W. Gardner; and the Committee award to Charles A. Burgess, the first premium of \$4, for half Morgan colt; and to Charles W. Gardner, the second premium of \$3, for his colt, weighing 950 pounds.

COLTS TWO YEARS' OLD.

The first premium of \$3, was awarded to Edward Morris; and the second, of \$2, to Benjamin B. Gardner.

Seth F. Myrick entered two, and Edward W. Gardner one; William Starbuck, one, 885 pounds; Obed Starbuck, one.

COLTS ONE YEAR OLD.

The premium for this class was claimed severally by John Backus, George C. Gardner, Charles C. Folger, and George F. Hammond; and the Committee award to John Backus, the first premium of \$2, for his colt weighing 742 pounds; and to George C. Gardner, the second premium of \$1, for his colt weighing 742 pounds.

FAMILY HORSES.

Entries were made by Rufus Coffin, Sanford Wilber, James Codd, Obed Starbuck, and David M. Gifford; and the Committee award to Rufus Coffin, the first premium of \$5; and to Sanford Wilber, the second premium of \$3.

DRAUGHT HORSES.

Of this class there were three entries, as follows: Benjamin B. Gardner, Charles F. Coffin, and Charles A. Burgess. The first premium of \$4, was awarded to Benjamin B. Gardner, and the second of \$2, to Charles F. Coffin.

WALKING HORSES.

Of this class there were no entries, and this being a new feature, it is hoped there will be a large display next season.

EQUESTRIAN SKILL.

Owing partly to the weather, there was only one entry by ladies; and the first premium was awarded to Miss Susan S. Coffin.

Entries by gentlemen, were made by Bradley Starbuck, Levi S. Coffin, Arthur Folger, and Franklin H. Folger. The premium of \$5, was awarded to Bradley Starbuck.

For the Committee,

CHARLES F. COFFIN.

Cows and Heifers.

The Committee on Cows and Heifers, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report:—

There were two herds of five cows each, entered for premium; one by Benjamin B. Gardner, and one by Andrew M. Myrick.

To Benjamin B. Gardner, we would award the first premium of \$8.

To Andrew M. Myrick, the second premium of \$5.

There was but one single cow entered for premium, and that was by William C. Folger; and as there was not a full statement of her milk given, your Committee do not feel it their duty to award him a premium. We believe her to be a very good cow, and recommend to the Society to award a gratuity of \$2.

TWO YEARS OLD.

There were nine two year old heifers entered; three were in milk, and all were of a high grade.

To Andrew R. Worth, for the best two year old, \$3.

To Gardner Coffin, for the second best, \$2.

We recommend to the Society to award a gratuity of \$1.50 to John Connell, for two very large and likely looking.

Also, to Alexander Nickerson, for his fine heifer, buff, very handsome, the sum of \$1.

To Charles W. Gardner, for his two, well formed for good cows, the sum of \$1.50.

Andrew M. Myrick, exhibited two half Ayrshire, well formed for good cows, for which we recommend a gratuity of \$1.

YEARLINGS.

There were sixteen yearlings offered, ten one-half Ayrshire, all well marked, and likely looking.

To Benjamin B. Gardner, for the best one year old, half Ayrshire, \$2.

To George F. Hammond, for the second best, \$1.

Joseph Vincent offered five, for which we recommend a gratuity of \$2.

Edward W. Gardner exhibited one, for which we recommend the sum of \$1, she being a very nice looking animal.

To Shubael Worth, for the show of his two extra cows, and one yearling, \$1.

To George F. Hammond, for his three of mixed blood, well marked, \$1.

To Charles C. Folger, for the show of three fine looking heifers, \$1.

Your Committee would say that the show of Cows and Heifers, taken as a whole, was very good, showing a great improvement. The exhibition of milch cows is one of the most interesting features in our annual Cattle Show, and it is to be hoped that more pains will be taken in the future, to make this department as attractive as it is important. There is the material on the island to do it; all that is required is the effort.

EDWARD HAMMOND, } Committee.
BURGESS T. SIMMONS, }

Bulls.

We, the undersigned Committee, see fit to award—

To Capt. E. W. Gardner, for his bull, \$5.

To Joseph Vincent, for his bull, \$3.

OBED STARBUCK, } Committee.
ARNOLD MORSE, }

Working Oxen and Steers.

The Committee on Working Oxen and Steers, report as follows:—

There were five yoke of oxen on the ground. William Rawson had a pair, for which the Committee awarded the first premium of \$4.

Joseph M. Folger, a pair, for which the second premium of \$3 is awarded.

They award to Richard E. Burgess, the first premium of \$3, on steers; the second, of \$2, to George Robinson.

For the Committee,

EDWARD C. JOY.

Swine.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Swine, report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and found the number of entries to be three; one by William Phinney, one by Edward W. Gardner, and one by Gardner Coffin.

Perhaps no animals brought to the Fair were of greater excellence than the Swine, each one of them appearing to be a perfect hog. Your Committee had some difficulty in determining which of those hogs was entitled to the first premium, but after some examinations of each, they finally determined to give to William H. Phinney, the first premium of \$5, for the best sow, with seven pigs.

To Edward W. Gardner, for the second best sow, with eight pigs, the second premium of \$3.

To Gardner Coffin, for the third best sow, with seven pigs, the third premium of \$2.

Your Committee congratulate those competitors upon the success which has enabled them to bring forward excellent stock, both in pedigree and condition.

H. G. O. DUNHAM, } Committee.
EDWARD MACY, }

Sheep.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Sheep, offer the following report:—

They have attended to the duty assigned them, and are sorry to say that but one lot was offered for premium, consisting of two Southdown rams, and five half Southdown and half native ewes; and that by George C. Gardner.

They therefore award to George C. Gardner, for the best Southdown ram, the Society's first premium of \$3; also, for the second best ram, the second premium of \$2.

Also, for the best lot of five ewes, half Southdown and half native, the Society's first premium of \$3.

Mr. Gardner also offered for exhibition, one beautiful ram lamb, six months' old, of half Southdown and half native breed.

Your Committee noticed three beautiful lambs, exhibited by Benjamin B.

Gardner, which were brought up on cow's milk, they having lost their dams when young. Beautiful little creatures, those.

For the Committee,

EDWARD MACY.

Poultry.

We, the undersigned, Committee on Poultry, make the following report:—

BARNYARD FOWLS.

There were four entries of fowls; one by Andrew R. Worth, to whom we award the first premium of \$3.

One by Alanson S. Barney, to whom we award the second premium of \$2.

One by Edward W. Gardner, and one by Zimri Cathcart.

DUCKS.

There were five entries of ducks. One by George C. Gardner, to whom we award the first premium of \$2.

One by Master F. W. Folger, to whom we award the second premium of \$1.

One by Charles C. Folger, one by Thomas Ellis, and one by Edward W. Gardner. The last three lots were so near alike, that it was hard for the Committee to decide which was the best; and we would recommend a gratuity of 50 cents to each.

For the Committee,

E. H. ALLEY.

Butter.

The Committee appointed to award premiums for Butter, exhibited at the Fifth Annual Exhibition and Fair of the Nantucket County Agricultural Society, respectfully report—

That ten lots of butter, of ten pounds each, were offered—an amount greater by far, than was ever before exhibited. And to William H. Phin-

ney, who exhibited the best lot, the Committee award the highest premium of \$4.

To Albert C. Folger, the Committee award the second premium of \$3.

To Charles Pitman, the third premium of \$2.

To Manuel Enas, the fourth premium of \$1.

Butter was exhibited by Charles W. Gardner, Mrs. Bailey Cornish, and Capt. Edward W. Gardner, of very excellent quality. That exhibited by Charles W. Gardner, was well made in respect to hardness, and was of good flavor; that by Mrs. Cornish, was of extraordinary hardness, and of good flavor; and each of these two lots would have been entitled to a premium, had those to which we have awarded a premium, been withheld. In view of the great value of the butter, yearly produced within this County, of the skill and care necessary to ensure a good article, and of the trouble incurred in preparing a ten pound lot for exhibition, the Committee recommend that the amount, if not the number of premiums be increased.

WILLIAM H. WAITT, } Committee.
JAMES M. BUNKER, }

Bread and Honey.

The Committee on Bread and Honey, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report—

That Miss Julia Linnett exhibited a large loaf of superior white bread, for which your Committee award the first premium of 60 cents.

To Miss Margaret S. Ray, for a smaller loaf, very nearly equal in quality, they award the second premium of 50 cents.

To Miss Hepsa C. Fisher, who was not so successful this time, they give a gratuity of 25 cents, for white bread.

Your Committee award to Miss Hattie Winn, for superior Graham bread, the first premium of 50 cents.

To Mrs. Margaret Cary, for superior rye and Indian bread, they award the first premium of 50 cents; also a gratuity of 25 cents, for her good Graham bread.

Mrs. Benjamin M. Hussey, for superior cocoanut cakes, is entitled to the first premium of 50 cents.

To William Clasby, for a mammoth cracker, your Committee give a gratuity of 25 cents.

HONEY.

Capt. E. W. Gardner is entitled to the first premium of \$2, for 15 1-2 pounds of superior honey.

Nathaniel Barney is entitled to the second premium of \$1, for the same number of pounds, very nearly equal in quality.

MARY M. WATSON,
ELIZA ANN CHASE,
MRS. B. T. SIMMONS, } Committee.

Flowers.

The Committee on Flowers, have awarded the following premiums and gratuities:—

To Mrs. James Thompson, first premium,	\$1.50
To Mrs. E. H. Alley, second premium,	1.00
To J. W. B. Hallett, third premium, . . . . .	.75
To L. H. Wendel, a gratuity of . . . . .	.50
To Mrs. William C. Folger, a gratuity of . . . . .	.25
To C. Barnard, Jr., for wild flowers, . . . . .	.50
To Mrs. Snow, a gratuity of . . . . .	.25
To Miss Lizzie Gifford, a gratuity of . . . . .	.50
To Mrs. H. M. Fosdick, a gratuity of . . . . .	.25

ALFRED MACY,
LOUISA MITCHELL, } Committee.
S. A. COLEMAN,

Plowing.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Plowing, hereby report—

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find that the number of competitors was six; being Charles W. Gardner, to whom your Committee award the Society's first premium of \$4.

Joseph M. Folger, to whom they award the second premium of \$3.

Edward W. Gardner, to whom they award the third premium of \$2.

William Rawson, Albert Bartlett, and Richard E. Burgess, were also among the competitors.

For the Committee,

EDWARD MACY.

Fancy Articles.

The Committee appointed to make awards on Fancy Articles, submit the following report:—

WORSTED EMBROIDERY.

Miss Judith Crosby exhibited five pieces, very beautifully wrought, for which we award a premium of \$1.50.

Miss Lizzie Lovell exhibited some very fine specimens, for which we award a premium of \$1.00.

Mrs. George H. Brock exhibited five pieces, chair seats and tidies, very handsome, and worthy a premium of \$1.

Miss Sarah F. Sanford exhibited a handsome chair seat, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mrs. Ann Swain, and Mrs. E. P. Fearing exhibited some beautiful specimens, worthy of notice, which were received too late for premium.

WAX WORK.

The only specimens on exhibition, were by Mrs. George R. Folger. For the dish of Fruit, which was very beautiful, and true to nature, we award a premium of \$2.

The Flowers, which were very pretty, and attracted much notice, were received too late for premium.

HAIR WORK.

Very beautiful specimens were exhibited by Mrs. L. W. Morton, for which we award a premium of \$1.

Mrs. Delia M. Folger exhibited some very fine specimens, worthy a premium of \$1.

A neat bouquet was exhibited by Miss Priscilla Gardner, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

KNITTING.

Mrs. F. G. Coffin exhibited a box of knit worsted articles, ten pieces, which were very beautiful, and for which we award a premium of \$1.

Mrs. Lydia Hussey, eighty-one years old, exhibited a shirt and knit stockings, which we deem worthy a premium of 50 cents.

Mrs. Phebe Coleman, 79 years of age, exhibited a beautiful knit quilt, for which we award a premium of 50 cents.

Mrs. James Thompson exhibited fine specimens of Machine Knitting; hose, scarfs, &c., which we consider entitled to a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mrs. Richard Gardner exhibited a specimen of knit lace, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Other specimens worthy of mention, were exhibited by Miss Eliza Ann Gardner, Miss Mary Lawrence, and Miss Annie M. Bunker.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. Benjamin G. Smith exhibited specimens of skeletonized leaves, which were very beautiful, and arranged with great taste and skill; also, a purse of shell-work, composed of native shells, for which we award a premium of \$1.50.

Miss Louisa M. Chadwick exhibited four specimens of very rich and beautifully executed "Oriental" paintings, vase of flowers, writing case, lantern and parrot, which we deem worthy a premium of \$1.

Master J. W. B. Hallett had on exhibition a very fine collection of insects, very tastefully arranged; for which we award a premium of 75 cents. Also, a case by W. Mitchell Barney, of very beautiful specimens, and finely arranged, for which we award a premium of 50 cents.

Master Abner Turner exhibited a neat patch-work quilt, made by him, between the ages of five and eight years, for which we award a premium of 50 cents.

Mrs. Reuben Allen exhibited a neat hearth rug, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Master F. W. Folger exhibited specimens of pressed leaves, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Miss Eliza H. Macy exhibited some fine specimens of cushions, comprising two toilet, two tomato and two strawberry; also, one watch case, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mrs. Hannah M. Fosdick exhibited two album quilts, very neatly marked; Mrs. William H. Farnham, two antique mugs, 50 years old.

Miss Louisa M. Chadwick, had on exhibition a case containing a "Baby Show," which was very attractive, showing great taste and skill in the designer. Previously exhibited.

Mrs. Adeline H. Brown exhibited a patch-work quilt, and Mrs. George W. Haggerty, an embroidered cushion, of which we would make honorable mention.

Miss Lizzie Young exhibited a Chilian skirt, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hussey, 81 years old, exhibited cushions, holders and bags, very neatly made, received too late for premium.

Mrs. Lydia Fitzgerald exhibited a very neat morocco reticule.

Miss Elizabeth G. Ray, knit slippers and cap.

A finely executed crayon sketch was exhibited by Master Henry S. Wyer, for which we award a premium of 50 cents.

MOSS AND SHELL WORK.

Mrs. Sarah H. Briggs exhibited specimens of shell work, and pressed mosses, which we consider entitled to a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mrs. Hannah M. Fosdick, exhibited specimens of pressed mosses, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Miss Carrie A. Briggs exhibited a specimen of shell work, for which we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Other fine specimens of the above kinds of work were exhibited by Miss Annie M. Bunker, and Mrs. George R. Folger, and a beautiful specimen of foreign shell flowers, was exhibited by Mrs. Mary R. Folger.

CAMBRIC AND FLANNEL EMBROIDERY.

Miss Harriet E. Coleman exhibited a very richly embroidered skirt, for which we award a premium of \$1.

Mrs. Lydia W. Morton exhibited a very beautiful embroidered skirt, and a splendidly wrought infant's dress, which had been previously exhibited.

Mrs. Warren exhibited an embroidered blanket, very handsome.

Miss Lizzie Sayer exhibited some fine specimens, which were received too late for premium.

CROCHETED WORK.

To Miss Fanny Tallant, who exhibited a cushion and tidy, we would award a premium of 50 cents.

To Miss Annie M. Bunker, for crochet set, collar and cuffs, we award a premium of 50 cents.

To Miss Mary A. Gardner, for two tidies, we would award a gratuity of 25 cents.

To Miss Mary E. Macy, for one tidy, we award a gratuity of 25 cents.

Miss Mary Gardner Folger, exhibited a fine specimen, for which we award a gratuity of 50 cents.

Mrs. Clarissa Allen exhibited a crochet worsted tidy.

Mrs. Charles E. Coffin had on exhibition a case of worsted fancy work, which was very beautiful.

Mrs. E. P. Fearing exhibited two cologne mats and screen.

WILLIAM H. WAITT,	} Committee.
MISS AMELIA M. COFFIN,	
MRS. JUDITH M. MITCHELL,	
MRS. MARY B. FOLGER,	

Manufactured Articles.

The Committee on Manufactured Articles, for the

Fifth Annual Show of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, after viewing with pleasure the variety of goods offered for exhibition, make the following report:—

They find a most beautiful variety of confectionery, from the manufactory of Linus A. Hooper, to whom we would award the diploma of the Society.

A topsail schooner about four feet long, finished in all its parts, the handiwork of Capt. A. H. Gifford, to whom we give \$1.

Socks, and specimens of machine knitting, by James Thompson, for which we award \$2.

Specimens of woolen yarn and carded wool, by Mrs. Sarah H. Parker, to whom we donate 50 cents.

A case of most beautiful boots and shoes, for ladies' wear, from the manufactory of Messrs. Trafton & Barrally, we award a diploma.

A case of dentistry, made and exhibited by Alexander G. Coffin, a diploma.

A sloop-boat, "Louise," for exhibition by Master Charles H. Baker.

One pair moulded rabbits, from Hussey & Robinson, for exhibition.

One case of cigars, manufactured by William M. Russell, from tobacco grown on the farm of George Myrick, Esq., for exhibition, but in view of the vast amount of money annually expended for the weed, we hope he may have many competitors at our future shows.

Mr. E. H. Alley exhibited a variety of wines, made from currants, gooseberries, and blackberries, said by the numerous tasters to be very fine.

Mrs. Jane Folger had wine made from tomatoes, on exhibition, good of its kind, but not so palatable as other kinds, to your Committee.

A fine pair of heavy boots, from the manufactory of John Gray, Orange Street, "more for substance than show." We award him 50 cents.

A variety of nice pickles were exhibited, viz:—by Mrs. Nancy B. Hussey, one jar martenoos; Mrs. Charles B. Ray, two jars mixed pickles; Mrs. Benjamin B. Gardner, one jar nasturtions; Mrs. Samuel B. Swain, one jar nasturtions, one jar mixed pickles.

By Mrs. Lewis H. Wendel, two jars preserved tomatoes, nice looking, but sealed.

Mr. R. M. Gardner exhibited a bed warming pan, of his own manufacture, to be heated with water.

The show of Photographs, by Mr. William Summerhays, and Mr. E. T. Kelley, was fully up to our ideas of perfection in the art, and added much to the decoration of the Hall. We award the Diploma of our Society to Mr. Summerhays, for plain Photographs, and to Mr. Kelley, for the plain

and colored, which were very beautiful and life-like. The Daguerreotypes and ambrotypes, offered for exhibition, only by Mr. Summerhays, were beautiful indeed.

A crayon sketch, by Master Henry S. Wyer, was much admired, and we would award him 50 cents.

The paintings of Mr. H. A. Hinckley, attracted the attention of many; his views of "Elephanting" at Hurd's Island, (sketched by William H. Macy, of this town,) were said to be true to life, and were much admired, as were other designs from his hand, and we award him a premium of \$2.

J. H. Burgess, Esq., of New Bedford, had on exhibition samples of soap, and materials for its manufacture, all looking exceedingly nice, as they undoubtedly were.

A fine lot of family soap was exhibited by George W. Stevens, from his factory on Pine Street. We would award to him \$1.

A folding camp chair was exhibited by John F. Brown, agent for the manufacturers (Coup & Norris, of Boston), very convenient.

Edward F. Easton made a fine display of his gas fixtures, which added much to the brilliancy of the evening's entertainments. His stock may be found at his dwelling on North Water street.

Francis B. Smith exhibited oval and square picture frames, very fine, from his stock on hand at his residence, Orange street.

GEORGE W. MACY,	} Committee.
E. H. ALLEY,	
I. F. ROBINSON,	

Hymns, Songs, and Essays.

The Committee on Hymns, Songs, and Essays, appointed for the award of premiums to contributions received at the Fifth Fair and Exhibition of the Nantucket County Agricultural Society, respectfully report—

That no essays were contributed. Three Hymns and one Song, were offered; and to the Hymn, which was contributed by Miss Anna Gardner, the Committee award the first premium of \$2. In the opinion of the Committee, no other premium should be awarded; the other contributions, although not without merit, being inappropriate to the occasion.

For the Committee,

JAMES M. BUNKER.

ALLEN SMITH'S STATEMENT.

Having entered as a competitor for the premium for the best experiment in raising corn, I will state that the land on which it grew, is a sandy loam, and has been cultivated seven years. Last year ('59), it was planted to wheat, and produced about fifteen bushels per acre. Last fall I spread twenty-five one-horse loads of night-soil, and plowed about nine inches deep. In the spring, spread twenty-five loads and cultivated and harrowed until it was very fine. April 21st, planted with a machine about two inches deep, in rows twenty-one inches apart, and about ten inches apart in the rows, two kernels in a hill. Kind of corn used, yellow and top-over. I used the wheel hoe, going through it three times, and once with the hand hoe. About the first of June; thinned to about 150 stalks to the rod. Cut the stalks the middle of September; harvested the first of October; and the produce was 187 bushels of ears of good corn, and five bushels of soft corn, per acre.

VALUE OF CROP.

187 bushels of ears, at 50 cents per bushel,	\$93.50
2 tons of stalks,	20.00
2 tons butts and husks, sold for \$6 per ton,	12.00
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	\$125.50

EXPENSE OF CROP.

Plowing and harrowing,	\$3.50
Planting,75
Value of seed,75
Hoeing,	5.00
Cutting and binding stalks,	5.00
Harvesting,	6.00
Interest on land,	3.00
Fifty loads manure,	25.00
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	\$49.00
Net gain,	\$76.50
	ALLEN SMITH.

STATEMENT BY SAME OF A CROP OF WHEAT.

The acre of land on which I raised my winter wheat, is rather high ground, and is what may be called sandy loam. Has been planted three years; first to corn, then to potatoes. The wheat was sown after harvest-

ing the potatoes, about the last of September. The kind sowed was the blue stem, and is probably the best for our soil and climate. Sowed 1 1-2 bushels. The land when planted to potatoes, was manured at the rate of about fifteen one-horse loads per acre. No manure was used on the wheat. It came up well, and spread so as nearly to cover the ground before winter. There was very little killed by the winter. It grew luxuriantly, and produced a large crop of straw. It suffered very much from the drought of July, but notwithstanding, I had 26 1-2 bushels of as fine wheat as I ever saw, weighing sixty pounds per bushel.

VALUE OF CROP.

26 1-2 bushels wheat, sold for \$2 per bushel,	\$53.00
1 ton straw,	7.00
	<u>\$60.00</u>

EXPENSE OF CROP.

Plowing,	\$2.50
1 1-2 bushels wheat,	3.00
Sowing and harrowing,	1.50
Cradling,	1.00
Binding and carting,	1.25
Threshing, 25 cents per bushel,	6.63
Interest on land,	3.00
	<u>\$18.88</u>
Net profit,	\$41.12
	ALLEN SMITH.

STATEMENT BY SAME OF A CROP OF BARLEY.

Having entered as a competitor for the best experiment in raising barley, I will state that the land on which it grew, was a good strong sandy loam, containing four acres; but owing to a part of it lodging, I mowed three-fourths of an acre, leaving three and one-quarter acres, which produced 150 1-2 bushels of barley. The land had been planted to corn two years, and produced a good crop. This year, in March, I spread twenty-four one-horse loads of barn manure to the acre, and plowed about the 20th of March; and the 29th, two bushels of common two-rowed barley were sown to the acre, and well harrowed. It came up even, and considering the dry weather, looked well through the season. There was not rain enough to wet the ground through, from the time it was sowed, until it was harvested.

It was cut July 20th, and threshed the 1st of August, and measured 150 1-2 bushels, or 46 4-13 bushels per acre.

VALUE OF CROP.

150 1-2 bushels of barley, at 80 cents per bushel,	\$120.40
3 1-4 tons of straw, at \$9 per ton,	27.25
	<u>\$147.65</u>

EXPENSE OF CROP.

Plowing and harrowing,	\$9.75
Six and one-half bushels barley,	6.50
Twenty-four loads of manure,	12.00
Mowing and getting in,	6.50
Threshing and cleaning,	20.07
Interest on land,	9.75
	<u>\$64.57</u>
Net gain,	\$83.08
	ALLEN SMITH.

EDWARD W. GARDNER'S STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF HIS EXPERIMENTS IN THE DEPTH OF APPLYING MANURE.

The piece of land which was selected for the experimental application of manure, and entered by me for premium, lies in the East pasture of "Cambridge farm," near the swamp. It is a rich, sandy loam, with clayey and gravelly subsoil, retentive of water and manure, but not wet; and measures 45 feet by 225. For five years (and how much longer is unknown) previous to 1859, it had been in grass, without any manure, and in that year yielded a good crop of hay; after which it was plowed, and manured at the rate of six cords of good barn cellar manure per acre, and was planted with turnips; but in consequence of the great amount of charlock and dog grass which came up, but few turnips grew. Those which got a start were very fine. The charlock was pulled up and fed to the pigs, and not allowed to go to seed; and the dog grass was fed by stock in the fall. On the 30th of March, 1860, it was divided into five equal parts, of 45 feet square, and on No. 1 was evenly spread three-fourths of a cord of barn cellar manure, composed of horse, cow, and hog droppings, and a little peat muck, and the whole was plowed full eight inches deep. The same quantity of the same manure was spread on No. 2, and the whole was cross plowed 4 inches deep; the same was put on No. 3, and the whole was cul-

TABLE OF THE WEATHER.

	First third.	Middle third.	Last third.
May.	dry.	dry.	dry.
June.	"	"	"
July.	"	"	"
August.	"	moist.	"
September.	"	dry.	moist.

The yellow corn produced 28 6-10 bushels of shelled corn, or 2000 pounds of ears, and 2400 pounds of stover per acre; and the top-over 47 8-10 bushels, or 3328 pounds of corn, and 4425 pounds of stover; and the Nantucket, 59 9-10 bushels, or 4499 pounds of corn, and 4760 pounds of stover. The yellow corn ripened two if not three weeks sooner than either of the other kinds, and was not so much injured by the August storm; neither was it at all injured by the heavy frost of October 1st, which very materially damaged the Nantucket, and did some harm to the topover. The Rhode Island premium, planted June 7th, fully matured, and almost every ear was perfect.

I was induced to commence these experiments with the three varieties of corn, with that of the manure, from the fact that every member of the Board of Agriculture who has visited us, has condemned our native white corn, and recommended the culture of the yellow. But this experiment shows that the same land, and manure, and culture, will produce over one hundred per cent. more of the Nantucket variety than of the yellow, and twenty per cent. more than the top-over, and a much smaller proportion of stover to the pound of corn.

As the weather table shows, the whole of the three first months after planting, were uncommonly dry; in fact, not enough rain fell after the corn was planted, to wet the ground one inch deep, until the 25th of August, when a very violent storm of wind and rain prostrated it to the ground, and from the injury it received, it never recovered. What the results would have been with early rains, we can only conjecture. The lot No. 1, produced the most stover, and less corn than No. 2, while No. 3 had less than either of the two preceding it, No. 4 less still, while No. 5 produced hardly a merchantable ear.

E. W. GARDNER.

GARDNER COFFIN'S STATEMENT.

The acre of Oats entered by me, for premium, produced thirty-five bushels of very good oats. I carted on forty small loads manure, the 1st of April, ploughed about the 3d, and put in two bushels of seed about the

10th. The manure used, was a compost of barn manure and peat mud.

RESULT IN CROP.

Straw,	\$12.00
35 bushels oats, worth 50 cents per bushel,	17.50
	<u>\$29.50</u>

EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Seed, ploughing, harrowing and harvesting,	\$8.00
Threshing and winnowing,	3.00
	<u>\$11.00</u>

Net profit,	<u>\$18.50</u>
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GARDNER COFFIN.

STATEMENT OF SAME OF A CROP OF HAY.

The acre of Hay entered by me for premium, produced four tons and twelve hundred fifty-six pounds of good clean hay, a mixture of timothy, clover and fine top. About the middle of February, I top dressed it with forty loads of barn manure and peat mud composted.

RESULT IN CROP.

Hay,	\$70.00
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EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Cost of manure,	\$13.33
Carting out do.,	4.00
Cutting, making, and housing hay,	8.00
	<u>\$25 33</u>

Net profit,	<u>\$44.67</u>
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GARDNER COFFIN.

DANIEL VINCENT'S STATEMENT.

The acre of barley which I offer for premium, grew on sandy upland on clay bottom. Had been planted two years previous, mostly with corn and potatoes. The first year I dressed only in the hill. The second year plowed under about twenty loads of coarse manure. The present year plowed

under thirty loads common barnyard manure, and sowed five and one-half pecks seed, the first week in May. Harvested the last week in July.

VALUE OF CROP.

52 bushels barley, at 80 cents per bushel,	\$41.60
2700 pounds straw, at \$10 per ton,	13.55
Manure retained in soil,	8.75
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	\$63 90

EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Plowing, harrowing, and seed,	\$4 37
Harvesting,	5.00
Threshing,	6 72
Manure and carting,	17.50
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	\$33.59
Net gain,	<hr/>
	\$30 31

DANIEL VINCENT.

WILLIAM BARTLETT'S STATEMENT.

The crop of beans entered by me for premium, was planted on a clay and sandy loam. I ploughed in about fifteen loads manure, harrowed and planted on the 20th of June, with a corn planter, and used three pecks of seed. The piece yielded sixteen bushels, worth \$2.25 per bushel.

RESULT IN CROP.

16 bushels beans,	\$36.00
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EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Ploughing and harrowing,	\$3.00
Seed and planting,	2.00
Hoeing and cultivating,	3.00
Manure,	10.00
Harvesting,	1.50
Interest on land,	4.00
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	\$23.50
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Credit by manure left in ground,	\$12.50
	3.33
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Net profit,	\$15.83

WILLIAM BARTLETT.

CHARLES C. FOLGER'S STATEMENT.

The acre of corn which I offer for premium, was a piece of good sandy upland, from which grass had been grown. It had produced about 1 1-2 tons to the acre. Last winter I applied twenty-five one-horse loads of manure, and bushed it in. I plowed the middle of March, and planted the last week in May. I put in to the hills nine one-horse loads of manure. The rows were three feet apart; the hills two feet apart. The manure was composed of peat muck and cow manure, about equal parts. The corn planted was yellow corn. I put four kernels in a hill, and thinned, leaving three to grow. The piece was cultivated once, and hoed twice.

RESULT IN CROP.

75 3-4 bushels good corn,	. . . . .	\$75.75
2 bushels pig or poor corn,	. . . . .	1.00
2 3-4 tons of stover, worth,	. . . . .	33.00
2 tons of husks, worth,	. . . . .	12.00
		<u>\$121.75</u>

EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Plowing,	. . . . .	\$3.00
Planting and seed,	. . . . .	5.00
Cultivating and hoeing,	. . . . .	5.00
Manure,	. . . . .	17.00
		<u>\$30.00</u>
Net profit,	. . . . .	\$91.75

I make no statement of the expense of harvesting, as I think the manure left in the ground, will pay for harvesting and the taxes.

CHARLES C. FOLGER.

WILLIAM BARTLETT'S STATEMENT.

The crop of Potatoes entered by me for premium, grew on dry and sandy loam, and measures one hundred and seventy-five rods. Has been under tillage for five years in succession, with corn and potatoes, corn last. The ground was ploughed and planted the fore part of April, with compost manure, furrowed and dressed in the hill. Planted about nine bushels of seed to the piece, which yielded three hundred and ten bushels, worth fifty cents per bushel.

RESULT IN CROP.

310 bushels potatoes,	\$155.00
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EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Ploughing and harrowing,	\$3.50
9 bushels seed, at 63 cents,	5.85
Planting,	12.00
Cultivating three times,	1.50
Hoeing crop twice,	5.00
Harvesting,	12.00
Manure,	26.80
Interest on land,	4.00
	<u>\$70.65</u>

Credit by one-third manure left in land,	\$84.35
	8.93

Net profit,	<u>\$93.28</u>
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WILLIAM BARTLETT.

STATEMENT BY SAME OF A CROP OF CORN.

The crop of corn entered for premium, was planted on ground that has been in tillage three years, with corn and potatoes; potatoes last. The land is clay and sandy loam. I spread on twenty-two loads manure and ploughed it in; furrowed out and put ten loads in the hills. Planted early in May.

RESULT IN CROP.

99 1-2 bushels ears, worth 50 cents per bushel,	\$49.75
Fodder, over and above cost of harvesting,	5.00
	<u>\$54.75</u>

EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Ploughing and harrowing,	\$3.00
Seed and planting,	3.00
Hoeing and cultivating,	5.75
Manure,	21.44
Interest on land,	4.00
	<u>\$37.19</u>

Credit by one-third manure left in ground,	\$17.56
	7.14

Net profit,	<u>\$24.70</u>
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WILLIAM BARTLETT.

STATEMENT BY SAME OF A CROP OF ONIONS.

The crop of onions entered for premium, was planted on a sandy loam. I ploughed in ten loads manure, harrowed, and planted with corn planter, and used a half pound of seed. The yield was 41 bushels, worth 50 cents per bushel.

RESULT IN CROP.

41 bushels onions, worth 50 cents a bushel, . . . \$20.50

EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Ploughing and harrowing,50
Seed and planting,	1.12
Hoeing and weeding,	4.00
Manure,	6.70
Harvesting,75
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		\$13.07
Net profit,	\$7.43

WILLIAM BARTLETT.

ANDREW R. WORTH'S STATEMENT.

The heifer "Ruby," which I offer for premium, was two years old on the 1st of May last. She came in with her first calf on the 2d of February last. Her feed previous to the 8th of last May, was hay, with a mess of feed, one quart meal and one quart canal, at night. From that date, up to Aug. 20th, she had good pasturage, with hay and a mess of feed, one quart meal and one quart canal, when she came home at night. Since the last date, she has had cornstalks at night, instead of hay and grain. I weighed her milk every Saturday, from the 17th March to the 29th September, and the gross amount was 602 1-4 lbs., a daily average of 20 3-4 pounds.

ANDREW R. WORTH.

GARDNER COFFIN'S STATEMENT.

The heifer that I enter for premium was two years old last February, calved the 4th of July, has given ten wine quarts of milk per day from the time of taking the calf off, until now. She is a mixture of native and Galloway, and came of a buffalo cow raised by David Phinney.

GARDNER COFFIN.

STATEMENT OF CHARLES W. GARDNER.

The crop of barley which I offer for premium, was raised on two acres of upland, on which corn had been raised in 1859. Previously it was a grass lot. The soil was a clay loam.

RESULT IN CROP.

106 bushels barley,	\$106.00
2 1-2 tons of straw,	25.00
	<u>\$131.00</u>

EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

For 72 loads of manure,	\$36.00
For plowing,	6.50
For 3 1-2 bushels of seed,	3.50
For harrowing and sowing,	2.50
For reaping and binding,	8.00
For threshing,	17.80
	<u>\$74.30</u>

Net profit, \$56.70

CHARLES W. GARDNER.

WM. M. BATES, *in account with the Nantucket Agricultural Society.*

Dr.

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1860.	1860.
For cash balance from 1859, \$212.96	By amount paid E. H. Alley, and endorsed on note, \$50.00
For am't received as interest, 9.69	By am't paid Shubael Worth, and endorsed on note, 50.00
For whole amount of receipts from Grounds, 369.25	By amount paid as interest, 37.56
For whole amount received from Fair, at Hall, 265.34	By amount paid, —expenses of Society to this date, 524.43
For Donations to Society, 6.75	By whole amount paid out as premiums, 293.73
For am't from Shubael Worth for his note, taken up, 50.00	<u>\$954.72</u>
For amount received from Allen Smith for note, 50.00	By Cash in hands of Treasurer, <u>213.18</u>
For sundry accounts due Society, in 1859, 2.00	
For Membership, 42.00	
For am't received from State Treasurer, 200.00	
<u>\$1167.90</u>	<u>\$1167.90</u>

There is now due the Society from various sources, about the sum of \$60.00

WILLIAM M. BATES, *Treasurer.*

NANTUCKET, Nov. 23, 1860.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR A. D., 1860.

The Annual Meeting of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, for the year ending on the fourth Monday of October, 1860, (Oct. 22d,) was held on that day, at the rooms on Main Street.

The first business transacted, was the consideration of Reports.

The reports having been duly considered, the Society proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year. They were chosen, and their names are published on a subsequent page.

On motion of Edward W. Gardner, it was voted, that when the meeting adjourns, it be to Nov. 15th, 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Upon motion of William M. Bates, it was unanimously voted, that a vote of thanks be recorded, in favor of the ladies who have been engaged in the preparation of the Hall, and in aiding in the management of the exhibition therein.

It was voted by a large majority, not to repeal the regulation of the Society, requiring an exact record of the milk and butter produced by cows offered for premium.

And the meeting adjourned.

The Annual Meeting was duly held on the 15th, 22d, 26th and 27th days of November, and unfinished business was completed.

JAMES M. BUNKER, *Secretary*.
Nantucket, Nov. 27th, 1860.

THE NANTUCKET
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

WILL HOLD ITS SIXTH

CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR,

ON

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

OCTOBER 10 AND 11,

1861:

*And all persons are requested to contribute for Exhibition or
Premium, all things Useful or Ornamental, which they
can produce.*

THE SOCIETY
OFFERS THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PREMIUMS,
For the encouragement of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

OFFICERS FOR 1860-61.

Being the sixth year of the existence of the Nantucket Agricultural Society.

President,

JAMES THOMPSON.

Vice Presidents,

EDWARD HAMMOND,	ELIJAH H. ALLEY,
EDWARD MACY,	GEORGE W. MACY.

Recording Secretary.

JAMES M. BUNKER.

Treasurer.

WILLIAM M. BATES.

Executive Committee.

ALLEN SMITH,	ANDREW M. MYRICK,
SHUBAEL WORTH,	EDWARD W. GARDNER,
CHARLES SWAIN.	

PREMIUMS.

At a meeting of the officers of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, held on Friday evening, Nov. 16th, 1860, A. M. Myrick was chosen Secretary, pro tem. The following list of premiums, and Rules and Regulations for the year 1861, was adopted.

JAMES THOMPSON, *President.*

TREES.

For the best lot of Pine or other Forest Trees, of not less than five acres, from seed planted within five years, . . .	\$5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the best lot of Fruit Trees, not less than twenty in number, and set out within three years,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00

EXPERIMENTAL CROPS.

CORN.

For the best crop of Corn, from not less than one acre, . . .	10 00
For the second best,	8 00
For the third best,	5 00
For the fourth best,	3 00

RYE.

For the best crop of Rye, from not less than one acre, . . .	5 00
For the second best,	3 00

WHEAT.

For the best crop of Wheat, from not less than one acre, . . .	8 00
For the second best,	5 00
For the third best,	3 00

POTATOES.

For the best crop of Potatoes, from not less than one acre, . . .	5 00
For the second best,	3 00

OATS.

For the best crop of Oats, from not less than one acre, . . .	5 00
For the second best,	3 00

BARLEY.

For the best crop of Barley, from not less than one acre, . . .	\$5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

HAY.

For the best crop of Hay, from not less than one acre, to be weighed,	6 00
For the second best,	4 00

BEETS.

For the best crop of Beets, from not less than one-quarter acre,	2 00
For the second best,	1 00

TURNIPS.

For the best crop of French Turnips, from not less than one-half acre,	4 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

CARROTS.

For the best crop of Carrots, from not less than one-half acre,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

ONIONS.

For the best crop of Onions, from not less than one-quarter acre,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

BEANS.

For the best crop of Beans from not less than one-half acre,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

CRANBERRIES.

For the best crop of Cranberries, from not less than one-half acre,	6 00
For the second best.	5 00
For the third best,	4 00

STRAWBERRIES.

For the best lot of Strawberries, from not less than one-quarter acre,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

BLACKBERRIES.

For the best crop of Blackberries, from not less than one-quarter acre,	5 00
For the second best,	2 00

VEGETABLES.

Premiums and gratuities for Garden Vegetables will be awarded,
not exceeding in amount the sum of \$15 00

STOCK.

HORSES.

For the best Stallion,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the best Mare and Colt,	5 00
For the second best do. do.,	3 00
For the best three years old Colt,	4 00
For the second best do.,	3 00
For the best two years old Colt,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best one year old Colt,	2 00
For the second best do.,	1 00
For the best Family Horse,	5 00
For the best Walking Horse,	3 00
For the best Draught Horse,	5 00
For the best Trotting Horse,	5 00
For the best Equestrian performance by a gentleman,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best Equestrian performance by a lady,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00

COWS AND HEIFERS.

For the best herd of Cows, of not less than five,	8 00
For the second best do.,	5 00
For the best Durham, Ayrshire, Devon or Jersey Cow,	5 00
For the best native or grade do.,	5 00
For the second best do.,	3 00
For the best two year old Heifer,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best one year old Heifer,	2 00
For the second best do.,	1 00

BULLS.

For the best Bull of pure foreign blood,	20 00
For the best of mixed blood,	5 00
For the second best,	2 00

WORKING OXEN AND STEERS.

For the best yoke of Working Oxen,	4 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the best yoke of Steers,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00

SHEEP.

For the best Ram,	3 00
For the best lot of Ewes, not less than five,	3 00

HOGS.

For the best Boar,	4 00
For the second best,	2 00
For the best Sow, with not less than six pigs,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

POULTRY.

FOWLS.

For the best lot of Fowls, not less than one Cock and eleven Hens,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the third best do.,	1 00

DUCKS.

For the best twelve Ducks,	2 00
For the second best do. do.,	1 00

GEESE.

For the best flock of six Geese,	2 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

BUTTER.

For the best lot of Butter, of not less than ten pounds,	4 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00
For the fourth best,	1 00

CHEESE.

For the best Cheese,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

HONEY.

For the best display of Honey,	2 00
For the second best,	1 00

BREAD.

The Committee will make awards for Bread, amounting to not more than	4 00
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FRUIT.

The Committee will make awards for Fruit, amounting to not more than	30 00
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FLOWERS.

The Committee will make awards for Flowers, not exceeding	15 00
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HYMNS, SONGS AND ESSAYS.

For the best Hymn,	5 00
For the second best,	1 00
For the best Essay on Agriculture,	6 00
For the second best,	4 00
For the best Song,	2 00
For the second best,	1 00

MANUFACTURES.

Premiums and Gratuities will be awarded for Manufactured Articles, not exceeding	15 00
For Fancy Articles, not exceeding	20 00

PLOWING.

For the best experiment in Plowing, not less than six inches deep,	4 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third do.,	2 00

MANURES.

For the best experiment with Manure, with a statement in writing, which is to be left with the Secretary previous to the first of October, showing the kind, cost, and result,	8 00
For the second best do.,	4 00

DESIGN FOR HALL.

For the best design for the arrangement, fitting up, and decoration of the Hall, for the Exhibition,	5 00
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The above Premiums will be awarded on the following conditions, viz :

All persons exhibiting breeding stock, are required to state in writing, to the Secretary, *at the time of making their entries*, the breed and pedigree of the animals, so far as they know.

Competitors for premiums for herds or single Cows, are required to state in writing to the Secretary, at the time of *making their entries*, the time when said cows last calved, how they had been fed, the quantity of butter produced by each, (if any is made,) for ten successive days of any two months, with two months intervening; also the number of pounds of milk produced on every seventh day (if any is yielded on that day), from the first day of March, 1861, to the first day of October following.

All persons competing for the premiums for Crops, are required to make their entries with the Secretary, in writing, on or before August 1st, 1861, giving the quantity, value, location and condition of the land in the spring; the kind and quality of manure used, with its value; the quantity and kind of seed used, with its value; and previous to the first of November, they must also give a correct account of the Crop offered for premium, its quantity, quality and value, with the whole expense and manner of its production, to the satisfaction of the Committee, and no premium will be paid unless all these conditions are complied with.

On Thursday, October 10th, 1861,

The FAIR and EXAMINATION of the STOCK, excepting

Horses, will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., and all animals will be required to remain in the pens until 3 o'clock, P. M.

The **PLOWING MATCH** will commence at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On Friday, October 11th, 1861.

The examination of Horses will take place at 9 o'clock, A. M.

GENERAL RULES.

1ST.

All entries of *Stock* must be made with the Secretary, previous to 10 A. M., of the first day of the Fair, to be entitled to a premium.

2D.

All competitors for premiums, must enter their articles previous to ten o'clock, A. M., of the first day of the Fair.

3D.

All articles exhibited, must remain during the Fair.

4TH.

No animal or article will be entitled to a premium, which is removed by the owner, without permission of the Committee of Arrangements.

5TH.

All articles exhibited, will have all possible care of the Committee, but must be at the risk of the owners.

6TH.

No animal or article, for which a premium has been awarded by the Society, will be entitled to another, unless it be of a higher grade.

7TH.

Upon application to the Chairman, the Executive Committee will visit any field or crops entered for premium.

8TH.

It will be optional with the various Committees, to award premiums or not, as the thing entered for it, may in their judgment deserve, whether there is competition or not.

9TH.

All persons in the County may compete for the Premiums offered; but in case any one is awarded to a person not a member of the Society, the admission fee of a member will be deducted; but gratuities of less sums than the admission fees, will be paid on demand, to all persons to whom they are awarded.

10TH.

All premiums awarded, not called for within fifteen days, will be added to the capital stock of the Society.

11TH.

Any person may become a member of this Society,

by signing the constitution, and paying to the Secretary, two dollars if a male, and one dollar if a female.

12TH.

All persons competing for Plowing, shall make their entries with the Secretary, previous to October 1st.

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All persons competing for the office of
clerk with the foregoing provision to October 1st

